

Application No. 10/806,311

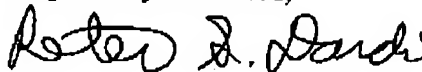
REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, claims 1-14 and 20-29 are pending, with claims 15-27 being in a non-elected group restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Claims 15-19 of Group II are cancelled without prejudice. New claims 28 and 29 are added. Claims 28 and 29 are dependent indirectly on claim 1, which falls into elected Group I. The new claims are based on original claims 16 and 19. No new matter is introduced by the new claims.

Applicant, as stated above, elects Group I with traverse consisting of claims 1-14 and new claims 28 and 29. Applicant respectfully requests that claims 20-27 of Group III be examined with elected Group I, which consists of claims 1-14, 28, and 29. Examiner has not addressed how the invention(s) in Group I is distinct from the invention(s) in Group III. Additionally, there would be overlapping, if not the same search, between the two groups of claims since they involve similar inventive concepts, and therefore, it would not be an undue burden on the Examiner to also examine Group III. Applicant respectfully requests that Group III be examined with elected Group I.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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